App. F. IX-4

*Previous References.* 1942-3 ( War )

W File No. 62-42.
Serial Nos. 1 & 2.

P-7.

*Later References.*
W 120-43-1&2
— " — 3&4

# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

*Serial Nos.* Two only

**Part B for** July 1942

**SUBJECT.**

Applications from Indian soldiers as their relatives for discharge or repatriation to India on Compassionate grounds

T Ramaswamy

General and Revenue Secretariat

WFile No. 62-42 of 1942-3 [App. F. III—2

Serial No. 1

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER FOR E... JUL 10 ... No. 365

9. JUL. 1942 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—28-10-41

File No. 62-4 of 1942-3

General and Revenue Secretariat.

| Serial No. | |
|---|---|
| 1 | Submit a draft reply to Rep for consideration. (RS 13/7) Draft Issue Pol. 117 & 15 Jts. 42 to Rep Mem 263-72/W " to Govt Desp/Pols. |

D.No.6897-42/G & A.

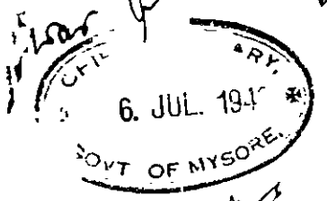
From

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

W62-42-1




Dated Bangalore, the 4th July 1942.

Applications from Indian soldiers and their relations for discharge or repatriation to India on compassionate grounds.

---

Sir,

The Government of India have had under consideration the question of dealing with applications from Indian soldiers and their relations for discharge or repatriation to India for compassionate reasons.

2. As a result of the suspension of discharges, army regulations now provide for discharge at a soldier's own request on extreme compassionate grounds only.

It is customary for officers commanding units to refer applications for discharge to various civil authorities concerned for report before considering them. At present, such applications are forwarded to Deputy Commissioners, District Soldiers' Boards, Civil Liaison Officers or Recruiting Officers for verification. The Government of India consider it desirable that requests for verification in such cases in respect of soldiers from British India should always be addressed to Deputy Commissioners/collectors and those in respect of soldiers belonging to Indian States, to the State officials who are responsible for the verification of recruits after enrolment. The machinery to be employed in making the investigations, e.g. District/State Soldiers' Boards or civil officials (Deputy Collector, Tehsildar, etc.), is left to their discretion.

3. I am directed to enclose a copy of a draft Indian Army Order which it is proposed to issue, and to enquire whether the Government of Mysore agree to the procedure contemplated. I am to request the favour of a very early reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

DRAFT INDIA ARMY ORDER.

No. /42. Applications from Indian soldiers and their relations for discharge or repatriation to India on compassionate grounds.

Applications for discharge on compassionate grounds received by units and record offices will be scrutinised and if the contents appear to be reasonably correct, they will invariably be referred to Deputy Commissioners/Collectors of the district concerned for verification of the circumstances stated therein and for an opinion as to whether discharge is warranted. The machinery employed in making the investigation, viz., District Soldiers' Board, or civil officials, etc., is left to the discretion of the Deputy Commissioner/Collector.

2. On receipt of an application, the Deputy Commissioner/Collector will cause the necessary investigation to be made and then furnish a report to the unit stating whether the circumstances contained in the application are true and the discharge is recommended on extreme compassionate grounds. Only cases of genuine hardships in which the family cannot carry on without the help of the soldier will be recommended by civil authorities. The report will be signed by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector himself in the case of Viceroy's commissioned officers, while, in the case of Indian other ranks, it may be signed by a gazetted officer on his behalf.

Nevertheless, the final judge as to whether a man shall be discharged is the competent military authority.

3. Similarly, applications for repatriation to India will be forwarded to Deputy Commissioners/Collectors for investigation and transmission to Headquarters overseas forces, as required by I.A.O. 286/1941.

4. All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners have been asked to acquaint the Deputy Commissioners/Collectors with this procedure and to issue necessary instructions to them.

8634/A.G.9.

Ars

Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT .....

.....

.....

Diary No. of letter received .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

( )

*the* *19* .

Date of issue 15-7-1942

Signed by Mrs. S. K. V.

List of enclosures .....

Copied by .....

Examined by .....

**Section**

**File No.**

**Serial No.**

No. Pol (1) - WB2-192-2.

To The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident.

Application from Indian Subjects and their relations for grant of repatriation to India on Compassionate Grounds.

Sir,

With reference to your letter D.No. 6897-42/S.t.t & 4th Jud. 42 on the above subject, I am directed to state that this Govt agree to the proposal contemplated and to request that such refugees may be made direct to the D.C.s of Dts concerned the D.C.s of Dts have been instructed accordingly.

I have the

Chief Secy to Govt

WD 086—GPB—40,000—30-7-40

P.T.O

263-72

W62-42-2.

Cys att above is forwarded to
the CSP + Dcs q/Ds for information
& necessary action with a copy of
Reg letter & enclosure.

h